Amount invested by Coal India for peripheral villages

†1794. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount invested by Coal India subsidiaries, such as, ECL, MCL, VCCL etc. and private companies engaged in coal production for development of peripheral villages, their company-wise details;

(b) the types of work on which this amount was utilized; and

(c) what percentage of gross profit this amount is?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Company-wise details of amount spent for Community/peripheral development during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as under:—

(Amount in Lakh Rupees)

Company	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	60.93	107.36	125.98
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	54.18	128.33	156.44
Central Coalfields Ltd.	59.99	203.73	291.91
Western Coalfields Ltd.	222.71	335.52	374.97
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	122.25	183.27	235.78
South Eastern Coalfield Ltd.	473.20	957.75	746.39
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	374.12	379.47	395.89
North Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	9.18	6.53	11.40
TOTAL:	1376.56	2301.96	2338.76

As far as private coal companies are concerned, they follow their own policies or conform to the policies of State Government as the case may be.

(b) Type of works done under Community Development Programme are as under:

1. Installation/Repairing of hand pumps.
2. Digging/renovation of well/ponds/dams etc.
3. Water Supply through pipelines.
4. Construction/renovation and repair of Community Centre/building.
5. Construction/repair of roads/culverts.
6. Construction/repair of school buildings.
7. Organising medical camps.
8. Organising sports and cultural activities.
9. Miscellaneous works.

† The question was received in Hindi.

(c) Company-wise percentage of expenditure on Community Development to their gross profit are as under:—

Company	Percentage of gross profit		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	*	0.28	1.06
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	*	0.42	1.21
Central Coalfields Ltd.	0.11	0.16	0.26
Western Coalfields Ltd.	0.24	0.23	0.35
Northern Coalfieds Ltd.	0.06	0.09	0.11
South Eastern Coalfield Ltd.	0.30	0.74	0.41
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	0.25	0.21	0.19

*During 2004-05 gross profit of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. was negative.

Result of closure of coal mines

†1795. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to close down 55 coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any estimate has also been made about loss and profit as a result of closure of these mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which Government would deal with the problem of workers going to be unemployed as a result of closure of these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No such decision has been taken by the Coal India Limited. However, the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), as part of revival package approved by the Government, has decided to suspend operations in 9 loss making underground mines out of which operations in 7 mines have already been suspended. Workers are not going to be unemployed as a result of any closure of mines. They would be gainfully deployed elsewhere.

Closure of coal mines

†1796. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to close some of the coal mines;

(b) if so, the number of mines which are being closed; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

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